| S. No. | Name of Scheme | Achievement during the Eighth Five Year Plan | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Financial | Physical |
| 6. | Non Timber Forest Produce including Medicinal Plants | 411.89 | 7580 ha. area covered |
| 7. | Grants-in-Aid | 12.43 | Targets fixed in terms of finaicial releases |

**Protection of Coast-line**

917. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned, "The future lies at sea", which appeared in the Indian Express, dated 10th February, 2000.

(b) whether it is a fact that nothing has been done for protection of coast-line and the Ocean Regulation Zone (ORZ) Bill is still pending for approval for the last decade;

(c) if so, by when the Bill is likely to be enacted; and

(d) what further steps are being taken to protect coast-line from harmful activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) For protection of the coast-line, a notification was issued by the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment and Forests, under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 declaring coastal strecthes as Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) and regulating activities in the CRZ.

No Ocean Regulation Zone (ORZ) Bill is pending for approval. However, a proposal to rgulate the marine environment by issue of an ORZ notification on lines similar to the CRZ Notification, 1991 was received in 1996 in the Ministry of Environment and Forests from the Department of Ocean Development.

(d) With the experience gained in the implementation of the CRZ Notification and examination of the proposed ORZ

notification *vis-a vis* the best practises in several countries, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has identified integrated coastal area regulation and management as preferred approach for the protection of the coast-line. This approach was recommended in a Workshop on "Strategy for Sustainable Development in the Coastal Area" held in Delhi from November 1st to 3rd, 1999. A proposal on Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan was submitted by the Ministry of Environment and Forests to World Bank for assistance under the ongoing Environmental Management Capacity Building Project.

The proposed Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan preparation shall be carried out in three stages as follows:

(i) Mapping of Coastal Cells of the entire coast of India.

(ii) Preparation of Shore Line Management Plans for four risk zones identified in Stage (i).

(iii) Preparation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plans for the four identified risk zones.

Further, the Ministry of Environment and Forests provides assistance to coastal States and Union Territories for mangrove plantations to enrich existing mangrove areas and for coastal shelter belt plantations in order to minimise environmental damage and loss of life and property due to natural calamities.

**Extinction Threat to Salamander**

918. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian Salamander, a rare species, is available at Jorepokhri, Darjeeling, only;